

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 remain in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the arguments set forth below.

35 U.S.C. Section 103 rejections

Paragraph 2 and 3 of the above referenced Office Action states that independent Claims 1, 7, and 17 are rejected as being unpatentable over Gupta et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,532) in view of Nguyen (U.S. Patent No. 6,680,906). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Statement of Common Ownership

The Examiner is respectfully directed to MPEP 706.02(l)(1) and MPEP 706.02(l)(2). The instant application Serial No. 09/733,537 and the cited prior art reference U.S. Patent No. 6,680,906 were, at the time the invention of the instant application was made, subject to an obligation of assignment to the same assignee. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Nguyen is disqualified as prior art.

Paragraph 4 of the above referenced Office Action states Gupta does not teach blocking transmission of the content file when the content file comprises a restricted data format. Independent Claims 1, 7, and 17 each recite blocking transmission of a content file when the content file comprises a restricted data format. Thus, the claimed invention

as recited in Claims 1-19 is not rendered unpatentable within the meaning of 35 U.S.C.

Section 103.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims (Claims 1-19) are now in condition for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits such action from the Examiner.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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